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SUMMARY

- Requires public schools to admit to kindergarten any child who will be five years old or, if the child has not completed first grade, six years old, by the first day of instruction of the school year of admittance.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Kindergarten minimum age requirement

The bill revises the minimum age requirements for admission to kindergarten for school districts, community schools, and STEM schools. Under current law, each district or school that admits all students to kindergarten in August or September must admit students who are five by September 30 of the year of admittance. However, current law also permits a district to adopt a resolution to establish August 1, instead of September 30, as the required date by which a student must be five to enroll in kindergarten. For a district or school that permits enrollment in kindergarten at the beginning of a semester or term other than one beginning in August or September, current law requires the district or school to admit a student who is five by the first day of instruction of the term or semester of admittance.

The bill instead requires all districts and schools to admit to kindergarten any child who is five years old by the first day of instruction of the school year of admittance and any child who (1) is six years old by the first day of instruction and (2) has not yet completed first grade. Further, the bill eliminates the option for a district to adopt a resolution to instead establish August 1 as the date by which a student must be five to enroll in kindergarten.¹

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Education Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ R.C. 3321.01(A). See also R.C. 3314.03(A)(11)(d) and 3326.11, neither of which are in the bill.

HISTORY

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